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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 15 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1132 (1997)
CONCERNING SIERRA LEONE

3 p.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	31st PLENARY MEETING	*Conference Room 4*

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/52/453) [142 (a)].

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157
(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)

Immediately following the adjournment of the plenary meeting	2nd meeting (closed)	*Conference Room 4*
3 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	*Conference Room 4*

Exchange of views on the actions contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950). Members will also have before them Conference Room Papers A/52/CRP.1, 2 and 3 as well as the Informal List of Measures and Proposals provided by the Secretariat on 7 October 1997*.

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* Will be available in Conference Room 4.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 3

General debate on all disarmament and international security items (items 62 to 82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

SECOND COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 2

General debate *(continued)*:

South Africa
Sudan
Lesotho
Dominican Republic
Pakistan
Venezuela
Australia
Singapore

3 p.m.- 4 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

[Professor Gerald K. Helleiner from the University of Toronto will be the keynote speaker to address the question "What kind of a finance conference would the world need?"]

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 2

General debate (continued):

Ecuador
United Arab Emirates
Nigeria
Mongolia
Kenya
Nepal
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Malta
Bulgaria
El Salvador
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Romania
Qatar
Yemen
Rwanda
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Iraq
Nicaragua

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Decade of International Law [146]

(a) United Nations Decade of International Law (A/52/ 363)

(b) Action to be taken in 1999 dedicated to the centennial of the first International Peace Conference and to the closing of the United Nations Decade of International Law (A/C.6/52/L.2 and A/C.6/52/3)

(c) Draft guiding principles for international negotiations (A/ 52/141)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning*- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	187th meeting	Conference Room 6

1. Transportation: use of motor vehicles, parking and related matters
2. Insurance and health
3. Other matters

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (A/51/ 519/Add.5 and Corr.1)
2. Draft repot on UNAVEM III/MONUA

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

Resumed thirty-seventh session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	33rd meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	34th meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Programme questions [2]

(b) United Nations reform: measures and proposals

Relevant sections of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)

Section 26: Communications and public information

Section 1B: General Assembly affairs and conference services

Section 2A: Political affairs

Section 2B: Disarmament

Section 22: Human rights

Section 27A: Administration, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Section 27C: Administration, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

Section 27D: Administration, Support services

Section 1A: Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

Section 6: Legal affairs

Section 14: Crime control

Section 34: Development account

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Informal briefing

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Interested delegations are invited by the Chairman of the Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation to attend an informal briefing on the work of the Scientific Committee *today*, 15 October 1997, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Advanced unedited copy of the report of the Secretary-General on "Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership" is available outside of room S-2994.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 15 October 1997

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

9.15 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

WORKSHOP ON THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING AND MANAGING MEETINGS (CHAIRING AND PARTICIPATING)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

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The first (closed) meeting of the International Steering Committee for the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, organized in cooperation with the United Nations, will continue *today*, 15 October 1997, from 12.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Antonio Jose Martins Seguro, Secretary of State for Youth of the Republic of Portugal. The International Steering Committee is open to all Member States, Non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters, and intergovernmental organizations, other organizations and entities which have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly. Among the issues to be discussed will be the adoption of the Committee's rules of procedure, including the accreditation of other observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 16 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 32nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/305) [46].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

There will be an informal briefing by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, for delegations on Friday, 17 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The briefing will include a discussion of preparations for the meetings of the Third Committee on item 105 (Advancement of women) and item 106 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

There will be an executive briefing and dialogue with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Nitin Desai, on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Members of the Fifth Committee are reminded that the deadline for the submission of candidatures to fill the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) will be Monday, 20 October 1997.

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The thirty-second session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be convened on Thursday, 16 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The resumed substantive session of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Tuesday, 21 October 1997, in Conference Room 8 at 10 a.m. The agenda and related documentation for the session will be as follows: Review of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Conference Services (A/52/6 (Section 27E) and A/52/303) [4]

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

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Briefing

A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Særmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

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Seminar

A Seminar on Accounting for Sustainable Development, organized by the Macroeconomics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Wednesday, 22 October 1997 at 11 a.m. in MD Conference Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Peter Bartelmus, Chief of the Environment, Energy and Industrial Statistics Branch of the United Nations Statistics Division. All interested members of delegations and United Nations staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 13 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 6th and 7th meetings

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Malaysia, the Sudan, Algeria, the United Kingdom, Tunisia, China, Nepal, Australia, the Republic Islamic of Iran, Mexico, Turkey, Egypt, Mozambique, Zambia, Cuba, Ukraine, Jordan, Belarus, Malta, Indonesia, Lesotho, Malawi, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation, Japan, the United States, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Venezuela, the Czech Republic, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, France, the Syrian Arab Republic, Chile, the United Republic of Tanzania, Iraq, Argentina, Ghana, Uruguay and Brazil.

The Chairman also spoke.

Tuesday, 14 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

30th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/350/Add.4) [120]

The General Assembly took note that Dominica had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

The President made a statement.

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bahrain, Brazil, Gabon, the Gambia and Slovenia were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 1998.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 4th meeting

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand, the United States, Japan, Canada, China, the Russian Federation, Brazil, Fiji, Colombia and Switzerland.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 3rd meeting of the First Committee (see *Journal* No. 1997/198, p. 7): the summary should read as follows:

The Chairman made a substantive statement on disarmament issues. Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Ecuador, Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union and associated States), Malaysia, Mexico and the Sudan.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 5th meeting

General debate (continued)

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Mexico, Papua New Guinea, Algeria, Senegal, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Peru, Ukraine, Zimbabwe, Fiji, Israel and Kazakhstan.

The representative of the International Monetary Fund also made a statement.

6th meeting

General debate (continued)

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Czech Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, Uruguay (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), Guatemala, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Jamaica (also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname), Slovakia, Azerbaijan, Colombia and Malawi.

The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made a statement.

The representative of the Organization for African Unity also made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark, Austria, Norway, China, Singapore and the Republic of Korea.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Holy See.

5th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 102.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Marshall Islands, Venezuela, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, the Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Nepal, Costa Rica, the Syrian Arab Republic and Israel.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, Guatemala, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Italy.

United Nations Decade on International Law [146]

Statements were made by the representatives of Paraguay (on behalf of the Group of Rio), the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), China, Slovakia, France and Mongolia.

The Chairman also spoke.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1984

Signature: India (14 October 1997)

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, concluded at Geneva on 26 January 1994

Ratification: Greece (13 October 1997)*

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 21 May 1997

Signature: Luxembourg (14 October 1997)

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

A commemorative ceremony to observe the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, co-sponsored by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, in collaboration with A.T.D. Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held on Friday, 17 October 1997, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the United Nations gardens.

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Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, invites the representatives of Permanent Missions to the United Nations, the media, non-governmental organizations and the Secretariat staff to a ceremony to commemorate the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on Friday 17 October 1997, from 5.45 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

On this special occasion, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan will recognize project representatives from Viet Nam, South Africa, El Salvador and from the United States for their outstanding contributions to the eradication of poverty. Ms. Nadine Gordimer, the 1991 Nobel prize winner in literature, will share her views on "A World without Poverty". Film actor and crusader, Danny Glover, will host the event. Dick Gregory, comedian, along with musicians from around the world, will perform.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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